

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method comprising:  
obtaining a first set of information representing an artifact to a first  
degree of quality,  
obtaining a second set of information representing the artifact to a  
second degree of quality different from the first degree of  
quality;  
determining which of the first set of information and the second set of  
information represents the artifact to a higher degree of quality  
and which represents the artifact to a lesser degree of quality;  
and  
altering the set of information representing the artifact to a lesser  
degree of quality, based on the set of information representing  
the artifact to a higher degree of quality.
2. The method as in Claim 1, wherein altering includes performing a  
Fourier transform analysis on the first set of information and  
the second set of information.
3. The method as in Claim 2, wherein altering further includes using a  
phase of the set of information representing the artifact to a  
higher degree of quality to adjust a phase of the set of  
information representing the artifact to lesser degree of quality.
4. The method as in Claim 2, wherein altering further includes using a  
magnitude of the set of information representing the artifact to  
a higher degree of quality to adjust a magnitude of the set of  
information representing the artifact to lesser degree of quality.

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1           5.     The method as in Claim 1, wherein the first set of information and the  
2                         second set of information are digital representations of analog  
3                         images.

1           6.     The method as in Claim 1, wherein the first set of information and the  
2                         second set of information are obtained using a scanner.

1           7.     The method as in Claim 1, wherein the first set of information and the  
2                         second set of information are obtained using a digital camera.

1           8.     The method as in Claim 1, wherein the first set of information and the  
2                         second set of information are obtained using a digital film  
3                         development system.

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1           9.     A digital film development system comprising:  
2                 a film processing system, said film processing system including an  
3                     image capturing station capable of obtaining sets of data  
4                     representing an image formed in film ; and  
5                 a data processing system, said data processing system including:  
6                     a processor;  
7                     memory operably coupled to said processor; and  
8                     a program of instructions capable of being stored in said  
9                         memory and executed by said processor, said program  
10                         of instructions including instructions for:  
11                         obtaining a first set of information representing an  
12                             artifact to a first degree of quality,  
13                         obtaining a second set of information representing the  
14                             artifact to a second degree of quality different  
15                             from the first degree of quality;  
16                         determining which of the first set of information and the  
17                             second set of information represents the artifact  
18                             to a higher degree of quality and which  
19                             represents the artifact to a lesser degree of  
20                             quality; and  
21                         altering the set of information representing the artifact  
22                             to a lesser degree of quality, based on the set of  
23                             information representing the artifact to a higher  
24                             degree of quality.

1           10.    The digital film development system as in Claim 9, wherein said  
2                     program of instructions includes instructions for performing a  
3                     Fourier transform analysis on the first set of information and  
4                     the second set of information.

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1           11.    The digital film development system as in Claim 10, wherein said  
2                    program of instructions includes instructions for using a phase  
3                    of the set of information representing the artifact to a higher  
4                    degree of quality to adjust a phase of the set of information  
5                    representing the artifact to lesser degree of quality.

1           12.    The digital film development system as in Claim 10, wherein said  
2                    program of instructions includes instructions for using a  
3                    magnitude of the set of information representing the artifact to  
4                    a higher degree of quality to adjust a magnitude of the set of  
5                    information representing the artifact to lesser degree of quality.

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13. A digital image tangibly embodied in a computer readable medium,  
said digital image generated according to a method comprising:  
obtaining a first set of information representing an artifact to a  
first degree of quality,  
obtaining a second set of information representing the artifact  
to a second degree of quality different from the first  
degree of quality;  
determining which of the first set of information and the second  
set of information represents the artifact to a higher  
degree of quality and which represents the artifact to a  
lesser degree of quality; and  
altering the set of information representing the artifact to a  
lesser degree of quality, based on the set of information  
representing the artifact to a higher degree of quality.

14. The digital image as in Claim 13, wherein altering includes performing  
a Fourier transform analysis on the first set of information and  
the second set of information.

15. The digital image as in Claim 14, wherein altering further includes  
using a phase of the set of information representing the artifact  
to a higher degree of quality to adjust a phase of the set of  
information representing the artifact to lesser degree of quality.

16. The digital image as in Claim 14, wherein altering further includes  
using a magnitude of the set of information representing the  
artifact to a higher degree of quality to adjust a magnitude of  
the set of information representing the artifact to lesser degree  
of quality.

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- 1 17. The digital image as in Claim 13, wherein the first set of information  
2 and the second set of information are digital representations of  
3 analog images.
- 1 18. The digital image as in Claim 13, wherein the first set of information  
2 and the second set of information are obtained using a scanner.
- 1 19. The digital image as in Claim 13, wherein the first set of information  
2 and the second set of information are obtained using a digital  
3 camera.
- 1 20. The digital image as in Claim 13, wherein the first set of information  
2 and the second set of information are obtained using a digital  
3 film processing system.

1           21.    A method comprising:  
2                illuminating an image;  
3                recording at least one digital representation of the image;  
4                selecting, from the at least one digital representation, a first set of  
5                    information representing a portion of the image;  
6                selecting, from the at least one digital representation, a second set of  
7                    information representing the portion of the image, the second  
8                set of information being different from the first set of  
9                    information;  
10              generating, from one of the first set of information and the second set  
11                 of information, a shepherd artifact representing an image  
12                 artifact with a higher degree of quality;  
13              generating, from the other of the first set of information and the second  
14                 set of information, a sheep artifact representing the image  
15                 artifact with a lesser degree of quality; and  
16              altering the sheep artifact using the shepherd artifact to improve the  
17                 degree of quality with which the sheep artifact represents the  
18                 image artifact.

1           22.    The method as in Claim 21, wherein altering includes performing a  
2                 Fourier                 transform analysis on the first set of  
3                 information and the second set of information.

1           23.    The method as in Claim 22, wherein altering further includes using a  
2                 phase of the set of information representing the artifact to a  
3                 higher degree of quality to adjust a phase of the set of  
4                 information representing the artifact to lesser degree of quality.

1           24.    The method as in Claim 23, wherein altering further includes using a

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1 magnitude of the set of information representing the artifact to  
2 a higher degree of quality to adjust a magnitude of the set of  
3 information representing the artifact to lesser degree of quality.

1 25. The method as in Claim 21, wherein the first set of information and the  
2 second set of information are digital representations of analog  
3 images.

1 26. The method as in Claim 21, wherein the first set of information and the  
2 second set of information are obtained using a scanner.

1 27. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the first set of information and the  
2 second set of information are obtained using a digital film  
3 development system.